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Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003)

Report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/195

1. In General Assembly resolution 57/195, paragraph 41, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), an analytical report on the extent of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to be submitted to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-ninth session.

2. An analytical report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade was submitted to the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/CN.4/2003/19). That report summarizes all Third Decade activities carried out during the 10 years of the Decade. The addendum to the report (E/CN.4/2003/19/Add.1) summarized the last activity held under the Third Decade in February 2003, the workshop, convened jointly by OHCHR and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to develop a publication to combat racism and foster tolerance.

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3. Reference is also made to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/30, in which the Commission recommended, in paragraph 40 that the General Assembly, after considering the analytical report of the Secretary-General on the extent of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination to be submitted pursuant to Assembly resolution 57/195, should consider the closure of the Third Decade. In addition, in paragraph 41 of the same resolution, the Commission also recommended that the General Assembly, in the coming decade of activities to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, should place emphasis on the concrete implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on the basis of a broad-based consensus on the importance of the anti-discrimination struggle worldwide.